

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price

# District 3 Slate

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## Supervisors To Choose Sheriff

**F**ollowing the surprise resignation of Sheriff Bill Kolender midway through his elected term of office, the Board of Supervisors agreed unanimously to fill the post with a temporary appointment. The term expires in January 2011.

Applications from individuals interesting in filling the vacant post will be accepted between May 13 and June 10, with the first public hearing tentatively set for June 16. Depending on the number of qualified applicants, Supervisors will select no more than five finalists for a second hearing.

"It is crucial that a qualified, experienced individual be appointed to fill the remaining term of Sheriff," explained Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price. "This is a key managerial position in our county. It needs a leader who is familiar with challenges facing law enforcement in this period of tight budgets."

After 14 years in the position and more than 50 in law enforcement, Sheriff Bill Kolender resigned his position, effective July 2.

Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price explains the environmental benefits of the new County Operations Center. "Government should lead by example," she said. "Using sustainable building practices, we aim to show protecting the planet and protecting public dollars go hand-in-hand." The estimated \$500 million project will rise in three phases in the footprint of the current operations center, an outdated cluster of inefficient buildings in Kearny Mesa. The \$188.5 million first phase includes two 15,000-square-foot office buildings.



Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price opens a small business forum titled "Untangling the Mortgage Mess" that targeted small business owners and property owners.

## Slater-Price Leads Forum on Mortgage Meltdown

**W**ith residents and business owners wondering if an economic recovery is just around the proverbial corner, attention is focused on homeownership and the region's housing crisis. What many financial and housing authorities believe is that San Diego County's economic downturn is different than previous recessions. That means the challenges and expectations are different, too, advised a panel of economic experts that addressed the topic during, "Untangling the Mortgage Mess," a forum organized and presented by Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price in Carmel Valley.

The forum featured experts in the fields of banking, mortgage loans, legal and non-profit/governmental assistance.

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## Questions Answered On Swine Flu

**H**1N1 influenza, also known as swine flu, is a new strain not previously seen in the United States. Swine flu has been seen in the United States before, but not this strain, which is caused by type A influenza viruses. Outbreaks of swine flu happen regularly in pigs. People do not normally get swine flu, but human infections can and do happen.

*We have a flu season every year; why is there so much concern about this flu?*

Yes, we do have flu in our communities throughout the year, with a definite increase during the "flu season."

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## AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT

### News of Note

#### Learn More About Solar

Property owners interested in learning more about solar power will want to visit the county's newest website, "Go Solar ... San Diego County," a step-by-step guide designed to assist owners interested in financing energy-efficient improvements. The green energy, public-private partnership program is located on the county's website at [www.sdcountry.ca.gov](http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov).



This practical reference site helps property owners access banks offering financing for solar energy systems and making energy efficient improvements.

#### Oceans Get A Birthday!

June 8 has been designated the official "World Oceans Day" by the United Nations, with the goal of raising awareness of the ocean and its importance to mankind.

To kick off this celebration, San Diego Coastkeeper is hosting a beach, kayak and dive cleanup June 7 at La Jolla.

#### Local Schools Are Honored

Six campuses in the Third District have been recognized as 2009 "Distinguished Schools."

Congratulations go to the students, staff, teaches and parents at:

- **Bernardo Heights Middle School**, Elaine Johnson, principal.
- **Rancho Bernardo High School**, Paul Robinson, principal.
- **Challenger Middle School**, City of San Diego, Sheelagh Moran, principal.
- **Scripps Ranch High School**, Kurt Maden, principal.
- **Carmel Valley Middle School**, Laurie Francis, principal.
- **Earl Warren Middle School** in Solana Beach, Anna Pedroza, principal.

Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price honored each school and principal with personal letters of congratulations.



#### SHARING LIFE...

Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price promotes the "Donor Drive" during National Donate Life Month at the County Administration Center. Liz Truxaw (inset) holds a picture of the boy who saved her son's life. The boy died in a car accident and because he was an organ donor, her son received the heart he needed. Lisa Stocks (right), executive director of Lifesharing - A Donate Life Organization - honored Vice Chairwoman Slater-Price, a charter member of Donate Life San Diego.



### Slater-Price Community Grants

Repairing a library roof, honoring the contributions and sacrifices made by members and families of the U.S. armed forces, and promoting neighborhood awareness through community gatherings are three of the goals achieved when the Board of Supervisors approved community project grants submitted by Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price for non-profit organizations serving the Third District.

Grants were awarded to:

- **Del Mar Library** - \$25,000 to help replace the roof.
- **Classics 4 Kids** - \$10,000 to offset costs for professional services, venue rental, and educational materials for a day of orchestra concerts at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido slated for November 2009.
- **Performing Arts Workshop** - \$10,000 to assist with up to eight community service lecture demonstration outreach performances taking place at locations in north San Diego County, or at its Encinitas facility.
- **Helen Woodward Animal Center** - This facility transitions homeless pets as well as offers a therapeutic riding program for handicapped children. A \$5,500 grant will cover the costs of staging its Spring Fling fund-raiser.
- **Pacific Beach Community Foundation** - It is a tradition of summer that music fills the hills of Pacific Beach. This \$3,000 grant will be used to offset the cost of professional services and marketing of five summer concerts at Kate Sessions Park.
- **United Services Organizations Council of San Diego** - Assisting members of the U.S. military and their families,

this group received a \$2,000 grant for the May 30 Stars and Stripes Ball.

- **Cardiff-by-the-Sea Chamber of Commerce** - To say that Cardiff is going to the dogs would be absolutely accurate. The \$6,000 grant to the chamber helps reduce the expenses associated with staging the 4th annual Cardiff Dog Days of Summer event that occurs each August.

- **Lake Murray Kiwanis Club Foundation** - Fourth of July is a time of celebration for Lake Murray residents, and the non-profit entity will use its \$5,000 grant to pay for entertainment, outside vendor services and other costs of staging the 13th annual Lake Murray 2009 July 4th Music Festival at Lake Murray Community Park.

- **Del Mar Foundation** - Another community where summer means outdoor music for the community is Del Mar, where the foundation received a \$10,000 grant to stage three concerts at Powerhouse Park.

- **Quail Botanical Gardens** - The gardens hosts an annual fund-raiser, Gala in the Gardens, which enables the non-profit to host future exhibits and expansion. This \$5,000 grant offsets the costs of hosting the event, which takes place this year on Sept. 12.

- **Del Mar Village Association** - The summer solstice is a time of celebration in this seaside enclave. The foundation will use the \$2,000 grant to cover the costs of marketing, related services and venue rental for the June 18 Summer Solstice event.

- **Kiwanis Club of Escondido** - This non-profit hosts an annual fund-raiser from which proceeds benefit community projects at the California Center for the Arts. A \$5,000 grant helps cover the costs of this year's event.



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## FORUM

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"We understand the depth of the housing crisis because most everyone knows someone who has lost a job, who has seen their hours cut back. Some are having trouble making their mortgage payments," said Vice Chairwoman Slater-Price. "I organized this forum to allow business and homeowners to see the many options they have to retain financial solvency."

About 120 people attended the forum. Vino Pajanor, president of the non-profit Housing Opportunities Collaborative, was the panel moderator.

Pajanor told the audience that San Diego County's small business leaders are being sucked into the "black hole of foreclosure." "They would rather lose their home before they lose their business," he explained, adding that his non-profit counsels more than 200 homeowners monthly, with upwards of 20 percent being small business owners who are using what remains of their home equity credit line or their credit cards to cover cash flow. Pajanor estimated that, nationwide, 3 million "toxic" loans belong to small business owners – the corner deli, the neighborhood plumber, the dry cleaner or the daycare service. Unless something is done, he warned, a second wave of foreclosures will peak in 2010.

The answer, advised Dr. Dennis Guseman, dean of business administration at Cal State University, San Marcos, is for business people of all sizes to return to the basics, focusing on improving their liquidity while reidentifying their core customers, services and expenditures. The best way to stay ahead of such problems, advised President Mike Peters of the Bank of Escondido, is for a business owner to talk with their banker as soon as they sense they are in trouble.

The panel shared one belief – every recession has had an ending, and this one will, too. Whether a small business person or a homeowner comes out stronger when the downturn changes direction, is up to the steps they take to fight back.



Vino Pajanor (above) introduces the panelists. Dr. Dennis Guseman of CSU San Marcos (below) explains the impact of the housing crisis on local real estate, which one member of the audience (left) took note of.



More than 120 business leaders attended the forum (above), which included Yamila Ayad (above left) of the San Diego Charitable Real Estate Foundation, who shared her frustrations of the questionable lending practices that contributed to bursting the "housing bubble."



## AROUND THE THIRD DISTRICT

### FLU

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Approximately 35,000 people die nationally in any given year from the seasonal flu. What is different this year is that this strain is new; therefore, the current vaccine does not protect against it and people have not built up immunity.

*What can I do to protect myself from getting sick?*

There is no vaccine available right now to protect against H1N1 flu. There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.



### THANKING THOSE WHO GIVE OF THEMSELVES

Vice Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price joined her colleagues on April 8 in the County of San Diego Salutes Volunteers of the Year. Each year, the county recognizes citizens who volunteer time in various departments. Vice Chairwoman Slater-Price (center above) honors two volunteers: Grace Fantaroni and Ingrid Lewin, Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services. The entire Board of Supervisors (below) stand with the proclamation honoring Volunteer Recognition Month. Receiving and holding the proclamation is Grace Andoh, program manager, Clerk of the Board Department and Countywide Volunteer Coordinator, along with the various department volunteer coordinators. Our other honorees were Dorothy Bullen, Health and Human Services Agency, North Region, and Melvin and Ellen Sweet, Parks and Recreation.



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